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SUBJECT: POMPIDOU'S CALL FOR EC SUMMIT MEETINGS

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1. AT HIS OCT 31 PRESS CONFERENCE, FRG SPOKESMAN VON WECHMAR WELCOMED THE SUGGESTION OF POMPIDOU TO HAVE REGULAR SUMMIT MEETINGS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. VON WECHMAR SAID THIS IDEA CORRESPONDED EXPRESSLY TO THE CONCEPTS OF THE FRG, WHICH WISHES TO CONTINUE THE WORK "ON THE WAY TO A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL UNION." COMMENTING FURTHER NOV 1, VON

WECHMAR SAID POMPIDOU'S LETTER TO BRANDT CONTAINING PROPOSAL FOR AN EEC SUMMIT BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR HAD JUST ARRIVED IN BONN AND HAD IMMEDIATELY BEEN CONVEYED TO THE CHANCELLOR. HE ADDED THAT BRANDT INFORMED POMPIDOU QUITE SOME TIME AGO IN A PERSONAL LETTER THAT THE FRG FAVORED REGULAR SUMMIT CONFERENCES AS SUGGESTED BY FRANCE IN THE PROPOSAL PUBLISHED AT THIS TIME. VON WECHMAR SAID BRANDT HAD ALSO RECENTLY "DISCUSSED CONCRETE STEPS FOR INTENSIFYING EUROPEAN COOPERATION" WITH OTHER HEADS OF EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT. VON WECHMAR SAID FURTHER THAT BRANDT WILL ANSWER POMPIDOU'S LETTER AFTER THE NEXT GERMAN CABINET MEETING, WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR NOV 7. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE FRG CABINET INTENDS TO DEVOTE A WHOLE DAY NOV 15, INDEPENDENT OF THE REGULAR WEDNESDAY CABINET MEETING, TO A DISCUSSION OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO EUROPEAN AND SECURITY POLICIES.

2. COMMENT. IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT, DURING THEIR OCT 6-7 SUMMIT AT CHEQUERS (BONN 14764 - PARA 2), CHANCELLOR BRANDT AND PRIME MINISTER HEATH HAD BOTH NOTED POSITIVELY AND WITH GREAT INTEREST THE STATEMENT AT POMPIDOU'S LATEST PRESS CONFERENCE FAVORING REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE NINE CHIEFS OF GOVERNMENT. BRANDT AND HEATH HAD BOTH EXPRESSED INTENTION TO TAKE UP THIS POINT WITH POMPIDOU AND TO SEEK CLOSER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.
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